

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on January 3, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Tom Richmond (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary: Organizational Meeting, Introduction of Agencies and Public Presentations

Introduction of Committee Members and Staff

00:01:04 Chair Ankney
00:02:36 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT\(ens02a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(ens02a02\)](#)

Draft Rules Of Procedures

00:04:44 Chair Ankney
00:05:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Regier moved that the committee adopt the Rules of Procedure. Motion carried unanimously by role call vote. Sen. Kary was excused.

Committee Business

00:06:46 Sen. Connell
00:07:21 Chair Ankney
00:08:36 Charlene Devine, committee secretary
00:08:50 Chair Ankney
00:09:07 Sen. Barrett

Introduction of Agencies

00:09:20 Travis Kavulla, Public Service Commission
00:16:22 Chair Ankney
00:16:27 Jennifer Anders, Northwest Power and Conservation Council
00:21:22 Sen. Kary entered the hearing.
00:22:12 Chair Ankney
00:22:31 Paul Schultz, Montana Consumer Council
00:25:04 Chair Ankney
00:25:16 Laura Andersen, Department of Environmental Quality
00:30:40 Chair Ankney
00:31:07 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperative Association
00:32:29 Andrew Valainis, executive director, Montana Renewable Energy Association
[EXHIBIT\(ens02a03\)](#)

00:33:20 Dylan Ecord, Associated Students of Montana State University
00:34:18 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of University of Montana
00:35:01 Allan Olsen, Montana Petroleum Association
00:36:10 Chair Ankney
00:36:18 Jeff Fox, Montana policy manager, Renewable Northwest
00:37:25 Chair Ankney
00:37:30 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center
00:38:01 Neal Ullman, program director, Montana Conservation Voters Association
00:38:37 Chris Cavazos, political director, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations

00:39:05 David Hoffman, director of Governmental Affairs, NorthWestern Energy
00:40:32 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Counsel
00:40:52 Tom Ebzery, contract lobbyist, attorney
00:44:20 Melissa Lewis, One Oak, Charter Communications, Puget Sound Energy
00:44:59 Katy Westhoff, Montana Pubic Interest Research Group, students of University
of Montana
00:45:29 Chair Ankney

Overview of Interim Work

00:46:33 Sen. Regier
00:50:11 Chair Ankney
00:50:53 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(ens02a04\)](#)

00:55:43 Chair Ankney
00:55:51 Sen. Regier
00:56:04 Chair Ankney
00:56:17 Sen. Connell
00:57:52 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:58 P.M.

Charlene Devine, Secretary

cd

Additional Documents:

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens02aad.pdf](#))